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## The New Era.

Ever since the defeat of Bloomfield in the litigation that accompanied the efforts to prevent the partition of the territory of this town by the creation of the borough of Glen Ridge, public spirit has been at a low ebb in the town. The loss of Glen Ridge was a crushing blow to the element in the town whose influence had always predominated in the political and material affairs of the town. It was the beginning of a depression in public spiritedness here that has been a bane to the town for years past and was the direct source of the annexation movement. It is noticeable that the same element that lost the Glen Ridge battle was the same element that prompted and aided the annexation scheme.

Notwithstanding the prestige of well-known names in the town and a liberal supply of means, and the aid of the most powerful political machine in the State, the element that lost the Glen Ridge fight was baffled again in the annexation struggle.

It is a law in the political affairs of a community as well as in everything else that unsuccessful elements are inevitably obliterated by other elements who make capital out of the defeats and losses of the unsuccessful leaders. This is a process that has been going on here for some time, and at the banquet at the fire house on Tuesday night it ripened and blossomed out as the "New Era."

To those accustomed to attending public functions in this town there was a remarkable absence of familiar faces and voices at Tuesday night's affair. Perhaps it was appropriate that the fallen powers of the old era were not present at the birth of the new era, for the new era means that new men are to control in Bloomfield, and that new policies are to prevail, and that public spirit is to be appealed to to arouse itself, and place Bloomfield in a position where it will be to the advantage of Glen Ridge and Bloomfield to act in unison in public matters.

Another aim of the new era is to stamp out the pessimism that has given so many people the blues in public matters. The new era stands for an independent and united Bloomfield. Under the predominating influences of the new era the town has branched out into municipal ownership. The town now owns its water plant, and conducts a water department. The town no longer rents fire houses, but owns them, and the effect of the new policy was manifested Tuesday in one of the greatest jubilee demonstrations ever witnessed in the town. The speeches at the banquet were all radiant with new era bloom. There is this one snag ahead of the new era and the men who are to man the new boat which was so successfully and enthusiastically launched Tuesday night must keep a sharp lookout forward.

Some among the annexationists are ardent disciples of the famous William Prince of Orange, and are adapting in eventually reaping the fruits of victory from an apparent disastrous defeat. If the promoters of the new era get together and keep together they may be able for many years to come to avoid the bomb of dissension that some wily annexationist will throw into the camp upon the first favorable opportunity. May the new era meet and fulfill the most exalted desires of its friends and escape the wills of its enemies, and may it live long and prosper.

## Surprise Party.

The Misses Estella and Edith Cocke-fat of Upper Broad street were tendered a surprise party by a few of their friends Thursday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Hoyer, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Decker, Mrs. Edward Hammond, Mrs. Charles Tappan, the Misses Florence and Blanche Tappan, Miss Clara Lind, George Baldwin, Frank Bernstener, Miss Francis Ballard, Louis Miller, Miss Emma Ballard, Wilbur Evans, all of this town; Frederick Brown and Miss May Brokaw, Mrs. Philip Walker of Upper Montclair; Miss Lillian Walker and Elwood Robinson of Newark and Sheldon Purdy of Montclair.

## THE UGLY OCTOPUS.

It is One of the Most Repulsive and Hideous of Creatures.

A greedy, voracious, relentless creature is the octopus, and a most formidable enemy even to man, for it is easier to cut or tear off one of those terrible long arms with its two rows of suckers than to induce the creature to relinquish any prey it has laid hold of.

These suckers also enable it to drag its body into very narrow crevices, from which scarcely any force will avail to remove it.

Like its beautiful brother the argonaut, it denies its enemies by ejecting ink, but the octopus is so subtle and clever that he can vary the color of his ink according to the color of the ground he is passing over, and, as he is very active and darts about at lightning speed, he constantly escapes being caught.

He is an unsocial creature, apparently quite satisfied with his own society, as he roams about alone, seeking what he may devour on rocky shores, where he may be met with of all sizes, varying in length from an inch to two or more feet.

The octopus has one very curious habit—when resting he coils up some of his arms into a semblance of the shell of the argonaut.—Pearson's Weekly.

## A MARKET PRIMER.

It Tells About the Butcher and the Way He Sells His Meat.

What is the man doing behind the counter?

He is selling meat. Let us watch him.

What is the lady going up to the counter for?

To buy meat from the greasy man with the white apron.

What does she ask for?

A five pound roast of porterhouse.

What does he give her?

A seven pound roast.

Then does he charge her only for what she asked for?

No, indeed. He charges her for what he chose to give her.

Didn't the lady know what she wanted?

Evidently the man didn't think so.

Can't he tell the weight of a piece of meat when he picks it up?

Certainly he can. Otherwise he would never be able to know that he is always selling you a piece of meat several pounds bigger than you wanted.

Why does the man do this?

It is impossible to associate constantly with greasy things and not become pretty smooth yourself. Now run and play.—Baltimore American.

## FISHING LINES.

The Very Finest Are Those Formed From Silkworm Gut.

Silkworm gut forms the best line for fishing purposes, partly on account of its great tenacity and partly because it is so transparent. Every year a sufficient number of Spanish silkworm grubs are selected for this purpose. After they have eaten enough mulberry leaves and before they begin to spin they are thrown into vinegar for several hours. Each insect is killed, and the substance which the grub in the natural course would have spun into a cocoon is forcibly drawn from the dead worm into a much thicker and shorter silken thread.

The threads are then placed in pure water for about four hours and after being dipped for ten minutes in a solution of soft soap. The fine outer skin is thus loosened so that the workman can remove it with his hands. The threads must be dried in a shady place and are often bleached with sulphur vapor until they acquire the bright appearance of spun glass.—London Telegraph.

## The Waiters.

Usefulness of any man or woman lies principally in the willingness back of the hands to do as well as they possibly can whatever comes their way. As a rule, it will be found that the most useless persons in the world are those who are "waiting" for something to turn up. And by the same sign it is a fact that the most useful beings are those who have taken up the first thing that came to hand and done the best they could with it. These people usually find something to their liking in the long run, too, and if this be denied them they have the good sense to learn to like what comes.

## Long Flight by Night.

Nearly all small birds make their long flights by night, spending the daytime quietly feeding and resting, so that if on any day in May the treets are full of sitting little warblers it is no sign that the following day will find them still there. Some kinds, like phoebe, song sparrows, meadow larks and bluebirds, come very early—as soon as the snow is all gone and the south sloping hillsides begin to feel warm and "smell of spring."—St. Nicholas.

## Nothing of the Kind.

"Now, sir," said the advocate, cross examining a witness, "your answers are not satisfactory. I am afraid you are slightly ambiguous."

Witness (with great indignation)—I am nothing of the kind, sir. I'm a strict teetotaler.—London Tit-Bits.

## Suspicion.

Junior Partner—The bookkeeper has been married nearly six months now. Senior Partner—Well? Junior Partner—Well, he hasn't asked for a raise in salary. Senior Partner—Heaven! We'll have to have his accounts examined.—Philadelphia Press.

Be brave in trouble; meet distress with dauntless courage; but when the gale for prosperity blows be wise, no less, and shorten sail.—Horace.

## On the Diamond.

At the Williamson avenue grounds the Bloomfield Club sustained two defeats last week, one being at the hands of the strong Marion Club of Newark, and the other by the Irvington Club on Decoration Day. Burdette's absence has greatly weakened the team and unless "Billy's" injuries heal so as to allow him to return to the game the club will have a large number of defeats to register at the end of the season.

The managers of the Bloomfield Club are doing all they can to repair the damage and place the club once more on a winning basis, but once they struck the toboggan it is hard to brace them up again. This afternoon the Bloomfield Club will have its opponents at the Williamson avenue grounds the Orange Field Club. The game will begin at 4 o'clock.

The Bloomfield Field Club Juniors defeated the Sacred Heart School team Thursday by a score of 7 to 4. The batteries for the Field Club were Sampson and Adams, and McGlynn and O'Brien for the Sacred Heart School. The Bloomfield Field Club Junior team is made up as follows: Thomas Adams, catcher; George Sampson, pitcher; W. Whelan, first base; H. Cadmus, second base; James Avery, third base; Archie Stonaker, short stop; W. Banfield, right field; C. Schroeder, center field; Halsey Nuttman, left field.

The Watessing A. C. defeated the Willow A. C. Tuesday morning by a score of 26 to 6. The batteries were Stonaker and O'Brien for the Watessing A. C. and Smith and Gussner for the Willow A. C.

In a well played game Thursday morning the Walnuts defeated the Tiger A. C. on the Williamson avenue oval by the score of 8 to 7.

The Lyceum base-ball team will play their opening game at Lyceum Oval, Soho, to-morrow with the strong Nevins Church Press team at three o'clock. Both teams will make their first appearance in their new uniforms, and as they are evenly matched a good game is expected.

In an interesting game last Sunday the Lyceum team defeated the Liberty A. C. in a ten-inning game by the score of 16 to 15. The features of the game were the heavy batting of the Lyceum team, the home runs by Quinn and Finn, and the fielding of Wiley and Higgins.

## Foreign Missionary Meeting.

The semi-annual meeting of the Newark District, Newark Methodist Conference, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in the Watessing M. E. Church Wednesday.

District president, Mrs. C. E. Waterfield presided, and Mrs. S. T. Jackson wife of the pastor of the church, led the devotional opening services. Greetings to the members of the society on the part of the church were extended by the Rev. S. T. Jackson.

The report of the district secretary, Miss B. B. Colt, was a gratifying one and told of good work and growth in all departments. The auxiliaries were credited with splendid work, there are thirty-four for women and twenty for young people. These auxiliaries are now sitting up a box to be shipped next week to Miss Ethel M. Etey at Pyeng Yang, Korea, who is the Newark district missionary.

Mrs. C. I. Reeves said that the special work comprises the support of orphans, scholarships, blind women and medical women, as well as the support of missionaries. It was reported by the Newark Conference that fifty-one orphans were supported, the Newark district taking charge of thirty-two. Of scholarships the conference reported twenty-three, and the Newark district, seven.

Mrs. J. H. Knowles who is conference recording secretary of the New York branch, made the address of the morning. Her subject was "Pressing Needs of the Present Hour," and she told the necessity of great and extensive missionary work, and of the duty to God for salvation of the souls of these poor heathens. The noonday prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Jackson. Lunch was served.

The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock with devotional services by Mrs. J. H. Knowles. The report of the young woman's societies was presented. Mrs. George Heber Jones, of Korea, delivered an address about her work in that country. Her broad experiences and the way her life was spent with the people of that country made her stories both interesting and educational.

## Electric Park Opened.

It is estimated that fully 25,000 people attended the opening of Greater Electric Park, at Newark, last Saturday. A steady stream of visitors surged through the gates from the opening hour until late at night, and numerous and lavish were the expressions of admiration and praise for the vast improvements and many new and novel features.

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## Open Air Gospel Meeting.

Under the auspices of the Bloomfield Mission, a Gospel meeting will be held at the junction of Bloomfield and Glenwood avenues on Friday evening, June 3, beginning at 7:45.

The service of Rev. Bradford Williams of Brooklyn have been secured for this occasion.

Mr. Williams is widely known as an evangelist, working among the Y. M. C. A.'s and the churches in many localities. Last summer he conducted daily Gospel meetings on the beach at Coney Island. He is now laboring under the Evangelistic Committee in Manhattan having charge of one of their Gospel wagons. Before Mr. Williams's conversion he was an eloquent and enterprising, and now in his preaching gives evidence of great ability as a public speaker. Other gentlemen will also speak, and at least some of the ministers of this town are expected to be present and to take part in the meeting.

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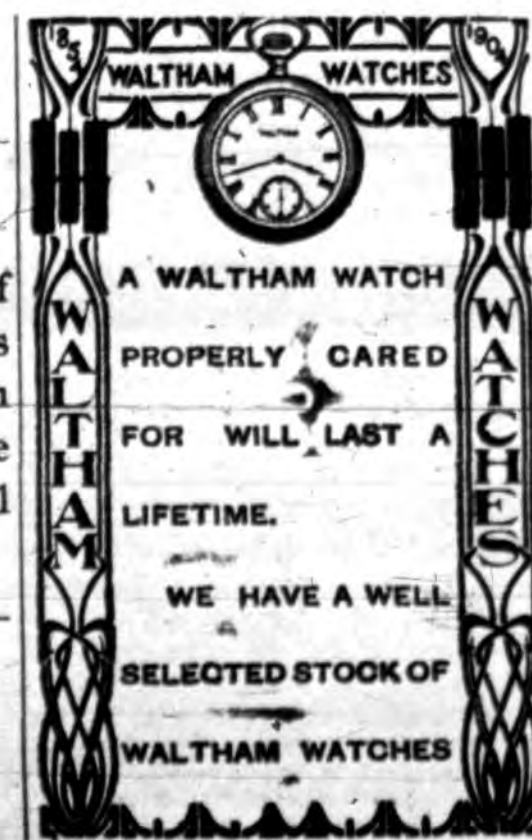
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